(b) The amount collected on account of sale of tickets for the Republic Day Parade and Beating Retreat ceremony this year in New Delhi is Rs. 9,57,399.00 paise. No amount was earned on account of advertisement etc.

(c) Each agency while incurring expenditure in connection with the Republic Day Celebrations is expected to observe normal economy precautions to keep the expenditure to the minimum.

Budget of United Nations

271. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the approved budget of United Nations for the years 1995 and 1996 and actual income and expenditure during the year 1995 in US dollars;

(b) the total arrears on account of Member's regular contribution as on December 31, 1995;

(c) the names of ten Member-States, which were top defaulters with outstanding dues against them and arrears, if any; and

(d) the steps taken for collecting the arrears during 1996 ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The approved regular budget of United Nations for the biennium 1994-95 was US $ 2,608, 274,400 and for the biennium 1996-97 is US $ 2,608, 274,000. The actual expenditure for the year 1995 under the regular budget amounted to US $ 1.396 billion.

(b) The total amount outstanding to the United Nations towards contributions by Member States as of July, 1996 stands at US $ 2.925 billion.

(c) The list of ten Member States which were top defaulters with outstanding dues against them, as on June 30, 1996, is annexed as Statement.

(d) The United Nations Secretariat has initiated several steps to obtain the outstanding amount from the Member States, including, inter alia, appeal by the United Nations Secretary General to the Member States; appeal by the President of the UN General Assembly to the Heads of Government of countries in arrears; and establishment of an Open-Ended High Level Working Group to deal with various aspects of the financial situation of the United Nations.

Statement

Amounts owed by Member States to the United Nations as on June 30, 1996

Name of the Country		Amount (in US $)
1		2
1.	United States of America	1,576,003,208
2.	Russian Federation	375,624,481
3.	Ukraine	245,097,702
4.	Belarus	62,830,156
5.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26,224,906
6.	Brazil	25,121,021
7.	Venezuela	16,804,513
8.	Yugoslavia	15,832,867
9.	Poland	15,675,003
10.	Kazakhstan	13,453,916

Mid-Day Meal Scheme

272. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Mid-day Meal Scheme has been introduced in each State and Union Territory;

(b) the progress made in regard to this scheme, State-wise;

(c) the names of places where this scheme is being implemented alongwith the names of places where it has not been implemented properly, State-wise;

(d) the total amount of funds allocated for this purpose and the total amount utilised out of this so far, State-wise;

(e) whether any State Government has objected to the implementation of this scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE), commonly known as Mid-day Meal Scheme was launched in the country on 15th August, 1995. All States and UTs have been covered by the scheme. In 1996-97, the programme is being implemented in 4426 blocks in 475 districts of the country.

Under the Programme, funds are released to the Food Corporation of India which supplies foodgrains to the States/UTs free of cost. A sum of Rs. 441.17 crore was released in 1995-96 and Rs. 506.59 crore have been released during 1996-97 to the Food Corporation of India. Information regarding allocation and lifting of foodgrains by States/UTs during 1995-96 is given in the attached Statement.

(e) This Department has not received any such objection.

(f) Does not arise.